

MONTANA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Policy Subject: Patient Monitoring	Related Policies: Suicidal Patients
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PURPOSE: To define the protocol for monitoring patients.

POLICY: It is the programs responsibility to monitor patients to insure their safety.

PROCEDURE: Staff on each shift will monitor all patients according to the following guidelines

- I. Treatment Specialists are expected to be on the floors observing and interacting with patients not simply stationed behind the nursing station.
- II. The floor rounds will serve as a deterrent to negative behaviors and problems, and this will be an opportunity to intervene early in the process of any developing negative situations, or a time to support positive behaviors
 - A. All significant interactions will be documented in the patient's chart.
 - B. All significant events will be documented in the shift log.
- III. Security checks are to be done while the staff is on the floor to ensure doors are locked if applicable, and check for any safety violations etc.
- IV. Night shift must observe the patient in bed and confirm the patient is present.
 - A. Treatment Specialists on night shift will do security checks of the building and grounds.
 - B. Anything unusual will be reported to the nurse on duty and documented in the shift log
- V. Special needs patients
 - a. Patients with special needs may be monitored more closely i. e. Patients with aggressive or assaultive behaviors, suicidal and/or para suicidal behaviors, cognitively impairments, etc.

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